

THOMAS NICOL

Thomas Nicol was born November 22, 1824 at Coleton, Scotland. He was the son of Thomas Nicol and Elizabeth Dryber. He came to Utah with his wife Elizabeth Watson Nicol and 5 children in 1853. Elizabeth died in 1858 at their home in Bountiful, Utah.

That same year he married Johanna Christina Hanberg. She was a handcart pioneer of 1857. She had eleven children. Thomas later married Johanna C. Hansen. She also came from Denmark. Her only child was Dora Elizabeth, born Sept. 29, 1865. She married James S. Murdock.

In 1866, Thomas married another Danish girl, Maria Nelson. One child was born but died in infancy.

Mr. Nicol was a missionary in Scotland. When he came to Utah he was in the front lines in the Echo Canyon War with the Lot Smith Company. He fought Indians in Moroni and in Heber where he permanently located in 1860. He made two trips to the Missouri River to help the immigrants to Utah.

Every winter, after his crops were harvested, he took his team, wagon and food supplies and went wherever he was needed to work on the various temples being built. He helped with all early necessary improvements. He stood ready and willing to help those less fortunate.